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Dear Shirley,

It seems that the St. Louis papers are carrying stories on Ray that do not appear elsewhere. I hope you have been clipping them and that I may have copies or may borrow them. I will be adding an epilogue to COUP D'ETAT in which these would be invaluable.

A friend from St. Louis and Memphis had promised these to me but has not produced.

If you have not been clipping these papers and if you do get them, I'd very much appreciate it if you could do this for me for a while.

Aside from what they may carry originating outside of St. Louis, I know there have been interviews with members of the Ray family. Especially on Ray's capability, whether or not there was a conspiracy and the pressure Foreman put on him (which I have long believed to be the case) could these be quite valuable.

Nothing new here. Hope you are both well.

Thanks,

There are a number of unscholarly omissions in the FBI-Commission work. I presume you have overcome this deficiency, especially in these respects: proving that, in fact, Bullet 399 was found on Governor Connally's stretcher; proving that it was, in fact, actually used in the assassination (as by analysis of the residues, never tested by the FBI or the Commission); proving by spectrography or other scientific means that it is of the same origin as the other metal retrieved from the car, its occupants and the curbstone; and proving, as is a minimum necessity, in restricting the total number of shots fired to have been no more than three, that all of the retrieved samples came from one and only one initial bullet, to mention but a few of the more significant proofs.

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